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Anthropology

Street Smart Trivia / Daily Gendai, Steven Johnson
Tokyo : IBC Publishing Inc, 2007
239p.
Bilingual – Japanese-English Edition
9784896845808
\$ 20.00

Q&A on various quirks of Japanese Street like Why Do Men's and Women's Shirts button up on different Sides in Japan?

Who Invented Natto? / Yoko Toyozaki; Stuart Varnam-Atkin; Sawada Gumi
Tokyo : IBC Publishing Inc, 2007
227p. Includes Index
Bilingual – Japanese-English Edition
9784896846409
\$ 24.95

The aim of this book is to provide information in both English and Japanese on many of the Japanese-style things that foreign visitors are likely to come across.

A Chanoyu Vocabulary : Practical Terms for the way of Tea / Translated by Urasenke International Association
Tokyo : Tankosha, 2007
279p.
9784473033987
\$ 29.95

This is a handy English dictionary of chanoyu vocabulary.

Architecture

Japan : The New Mix : Architecture, Interiors and More
Tokyo : G, 2007
260p.
4766117344
In Japanese and English
\$ 65.00
The Work of 21 Architects and Interior Designers

The Japanese House : In Space, Memory and Language / Nakagawa Takeshi ; Translated by
Geraldine Harcourt
Tokyo : I-House Press, 2006
2nd Revised Edition
267p. Includes Index
LTCB International Library Selection No. 17
4903452026
\$ 35.00

In a work originally written for the general Japanese reader, the author provides historical context while also exploring the origins and implications of traditional terminology in some depth. By focusing on small concrete details, he encapsulates the broad processes at work in the evolution of new architectural styles over the centuries.

Solar Architecture Design Book
Tokyo : Shokokusha, 2007
135p.
978-4-395-00801-8
In Japanese & English
\$ 60.00

Arts

Japanese Collections in European Museums / Josef Kreiner (Ed)
Bonn : Bier'sche Verlagsanstalt, 2005
2v.
JapanArchiv : Schriftenreihe der Forschungsstelle Modernes Japan : Bd. 5
3-936366063 (Vol.1.)
3-93636611x (Vol.2.)
ISSN : 1438-0927
Reports from the Toyota Foundation-Symposium Konigswinter 2003
Vol.1. – General Prospects
Vol.2. – Regional Studies
\$ 395.00 (Set)

The Complete Guide to Tenugui / Mikiko Osawa
Tokyo : Banana Books, 2005
128p.
4902930021
Bilingual – Japanese- English
\$ 25.00

A Complete Guide to Komainu / Text & Photos : Yoshimitsu Takuki
Tokyo : Banana Books, 2006
128p.
4902930048
Bilingual – Japanese – English
\$ 26.00

A Complete Guide to Furoshiki / Etsuko Yamada; Photos by Kanji Okamoto
Tokyo : Banana Books, 2007

127p. Includes Index
9784902930153
Bilingual – Japanese – English
\$ 25.00

The Tokyo Look Book / Philomena Keet ; Photography by Yuri Manabe
Tokyo : Kodansha International, 2007
222p.
978-4-7700-3061-0
\$ 39.50

Tokyo home of the most creative and stylish fashion around. Meet the people who wear the clothes and the people who make them, in this dazzling photographic journey through the streets of the world's most fashionable city.

Business & Economics

Japan 2008 : An International Comparison
Tokyo : Keizai Koho Center, 2007
118p.
9784876050390
\$ 14.95

Contents : 1. Population and Area 2. National Economy and Financial Situation 3. Government
4. International Finance and Investment 5. Trade 6. Industries 7. Raw Materials, Energy and Environment 8. Employment, Wages and Household Economy 9. Life, Culture and Others

Nippon 2007 : Business Facts & Figures
Tokyo : WEIS, 2007
152p.
9784903611037
\$ 20.00

Information & Communications in Japan 2007
Tokyo : Infocom Research, Inc., 2007
155p.
978-4-915724-94-7
\$ 60.00

Q & A : FAQ on the Japanese Economy / Nishino Takehiko, Robert B Rama
Tokyo : IBC Publishing Inc, 2007
270p.
Includes Index
9784896845945
\$ 20.00

Competing to be Really, Really Good : The behind-the-scenes drama of capability building competition in the automobile industry / Takahiro Fujimoto; Translated by Brian Miller
Tokyo : I-House Press, 2007
156p.
Includes Index

978-4-903452-05-0
\$ 35.00

This book identifies capability building competition as the main engine of industrial development. Media coverage of competition in the automobile industry has tended to dwell on eye-catching stories, such as trade disputes and merges and acquisitions. Those stories, however, are but a shadow, at most, in the larger tale of competition among automakers.

Lectures on Modern Japanese Economic History 1926-1994 / Nakamura Takafusa
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1994
Reprinted in 1999
325p. Includes Index
4924971006
\$ 45.00

Beyond the Full-Set Industrial Structure: Japanese Industry in the New Age of East Asia
By Seki Mitsuhiro (Professor, Hitotsubashi University).
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1994
172p.
4924971014
\$ 39.95

The Economics of Work in Japan / By Koike Kazuo (Professor, Hosei University)
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1995
304p.
4-924971-02-2
\$ 50.00

The Japanese Market Economy System: Its Strengths and Weaknesses / Tsuru Kotaro
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1995
166p.
4-924971030
\$ 39.95

Shaping the Future of Japanese Management / Tsuchiya Moriaki, Konomi Yoshinobu
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1997
264p.
4-924971049
\$ 50.00

The Economics of Development Assistance: Japan's ODA in a Symbiotic World / Nishigaki Akira, Shimomura Yasutami
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1999
332p.
4-924971057
\$ 50.00

History

The Meiji Constitution : The Japanese Experience of the West and the Shaping of the Modern State / Takii Kazuhiro; Translated by David Noble
Tokyo : I-House Press, 2007
Xix, 196p.

Includes Index
9784903452043
\$ 29.95

This book is a detailed examination of the intellectual and cultural history that gave birth to Japan's Meiji Constitution at the end of the nineteenth century. In it, Takii Kazuhiro employs a cross-cultural perspective to analyze how modern western ideas of constitutional government were assimilated and adapted by the newly established Meiji state.

Japan and its Worlds : Marius B Jansen and the Internationalization of Japanese Studies / Edited by Martin Collcutt, Kato Mikio and Ronald P. Toby
Tokyo : I-House Press, 2007
Vii, 299p.
Includes Index
9784903452081
\$ 49.50

The essays collected together in this book, written in honour of Jansen by old friends and former students, are centered on major themes running throughout his work. Four essays look at historiography and changing frame-works for interpreting Japan's modernization, the rapid transition from feudal Tokugawa society to modern industrial power in just a few decades. Two others emulate Jansen's commitment to history rooted in the particulars of local life, while the remaining pieces exemplify Jansen's focus on the relationship between Japan and its various worlds – the many complex, overlapping and often synergistic relationships between Japan, its Asian Neighbours and the wider world.

Beyond Paradoxology : Searching for the Logic of Japanese History / Shiro Ishii
Tokyo : Jigakusha Publishing Corporation, 2007
223p. Includes Index
9784903425252
\$ 55.00

Contents

1. Beyond Paradoxology : Searching for the logic of Japanese History
 2. 'Bushido' a soul of Japan or an invented religion?
 3. Traditions of Narrative history and the recent history textbooks debate
 4. Feudalism and ie in Japan : Looking for a virtual axis in a 'non-axial' society
 5. On the usage of the term feudalism in Japanese history
 6. On warrior terminology in mediaeval Japan : Samurai, Kenin, Kerai and Bushi
 7. The historical meaning of the establishment of the warrior's government (Shogunate) in Japanese Mediaeval age
 8. Pre-modern law and the Tokugawa Political Structure
 9. The Development of Japanese Law in the Meiji Period
 10. Crime and Punishment : Japanese Traditions
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A journey to the world of Ninja and Kengo : A Guide to the Kansai Area / John Einarsen
Kyoto : Uni-Plan Co Inc, 2007
112p.
978-4-89704-237-4
Japanese-English Bilingual Version
\$ 40.00

Ninja and kengo hold fascination both in Japan and worldwide. These mysterious figures supposedly had superhuman abilities and great wisdom, but what was their true existence in the history of Japan really like? This book is a journey into their world in the Kansai region

Emperor Showa / Izumoi Aki
Tokyo : Sankei Shinbun Shuppan, 2007
117p.
9784594053710
\$ 25.00

'Biography'

The Dignity of the Nation / Fujiwara Masahiko, Giles Murray
Tokyo : IBC Publishing, 2007
279p.
9784896845686
Bilingual – Japanese- English
\$ 20.00

Law

Gender & Law in Japan / Eds Miyoko Tsujimura, Emi Yano
Miyagi : Tohoku University Press, 2007
263p.
Includes References
9784861630644
1. Women's Rights 2. Gender Equality 3. Feminism
\$ 35.00

This volume aims to introduce the myriad practical challenges of realizing gender equality in Japan. At the same time, it is meant as a comprehensive critique of the relative lack of progress on gender equality in Japan, despite its international status as an economic powerhouse and longstanding membership within the club of established or 'advanced' democracies.

Survival Manual : A Guide to Foreigners' Rights in Japan
Tokyo : 3A Corporation, 2007
381p.
Bilingual – Japanese-English
9784883194551
\$ 32.00

Official Publications

Statistical Handbook of Japan : 2007
Tokyo : Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2007
Xiv, 209p.
9784822333614
\$ 24.50

Performing Arts

The Aesthetics of Quietude : Ota Shoga and the Theatre of Divestiture / Mari Boyd
Tokyo : Sophia University Press, 2006
293p. Includes Index
4324078866
\$ 50.00

Ota Shoga is the most radical of the countercultural theatre artists who arose in the 1960s and revolutionized contemporary Japanese theatre.

The first book-length analysis of Ota 's work ever. This study provides extensive information on his provocative theatrical experiments hitherto unavailable in English. Furthermore, it breaks new ground in surveying the theatrical encounters between Japan and the West in terms of quietude, passivity, and divestiture: in examining Ota's concept and application of the perspective of death: and in supplying detailed analysis of the Original 'script' of Ota's famous silent play 'The Water Station'

Politics

Defense of Japan : 2007
Tokyo : Inter Group Corporation, 2007
640p.
Translated from the Japanese Version published by the Ministry of Defence
9784901070409
\$ 90.00

The Postwar Conservative View of Asia: How the Political Right Has Delayed Japan's Coming to Terms with its History of Aggression in Asia / Wakamiya Yoshibumi
Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1999
382p.
4-924971073
\$ 50.00

Religion – Buddhism/ Shinto

Traversing the Pure Land Path : A Lifetime of Encounters with Honen Shonin / Edited by Jonathan Watts, Yoshiharu Tomatsu
Tokyo : Jodo Shu Press, 2005
173p.
Includes Index
488363342x
\$ 52.50

Drawn from 'The Forty-Eight Fascicle Biography of Honen Shonin' Written around 1313, this volume chronicles the lives of the many different kinds of people whom honen taught to find release from suffering and Birth (ojo) in the Pure Land ' Just as you are'. Significant new editions of Honen's own words clarify the various interpretations that his followers took of his teachings. Also, numerous, short information boxes offer background into the history and teachings of Pure Land Buddhism.

The Essence of Shinto : Japan's Spiritual Heart / Motohisa Yamakage; Translators Mineko S. Gillespie, Gerald L Gillespie, Yoshitsugu Komuro; editors Paul de Leeuw, Aidan Rankin
Tokyo : Kodansha International Ltd, 2006
229p.

Includes Bibliographical References

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1. Shinto-Doctrines 2. Spiritual Life – Shinto

\$ 35.00

Sociology

Living Together with Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Japan : NGO Policy Proposals

Tokyo : Solidarity Network with Migrants Japan, 2007

126p.

9784877983468

\$ 24.00

The Japanese Family System in Transition / Ochiai Emiko

Tokyo : LTCB Library Foundation, 1997

210p.

4-924971065

\$ 50.00

Women's Studies

Goodbye Madame Butterfly : Sex, Marriage and the Modern Japanese Woman / Sumie Kawakami; Translated by Yuko Enomoto

Seattle, WA : Chin Music Press Inc, 2007

219p.

9780974199535

\$ 29.95

This book offers a modern twist on the tradition in Japanese Literature to reveal in tales of sexual exploits. Kawakami's nonfiction update on this theme offers strands of hope of women struggling to liberate themselves from joyless, sexless relationships.
